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Responsive to the action mailed March 18, 2003, applicant elects the invention of Group 2, drawn to the embodiment of a protein. The election is made without traverse. In addition, please amend the application as indicated on the following pages. Applicant asks that all claims be allowed in view of the amendments contained on the following sheets, a total of 3 pages.

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